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SUBJECT: GEORGE SCHEER AND FAMILY - INVERNESS AUTO ACCIDENT

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1. ROBERT LIPSCHUTZ, COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT, INTERESTED.
2. POST HAS BEEN RENDERING TO SCHEER FAMILY ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE SINCE RECEIVING NOTIFICATION OF ACCIDENT 0815 SATURDAY MORNING. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF RESUME OF SITUATION.
3. FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 7, CAR DRIVEN BY STANLEY DAVID GRAY, BROTHERS OF MRS. SCHEER, COLLIDED HEAD ON WITH ANOTHER CARE NEAR KYLE SCOTLAND. GEORGE SCHEERS TEN YEAR OLD SON, JAY BRENDT SCHEER, WAS KILLED AND HIS WIFE, MICHELLE GRAY SCHEER, SUFFERED SEVERE CHEST AND HEAD INJURIES. OTHER OCCUPANTS OF CAR, GEORGE SCHEER AND DAUGHTER LIESL AND DRIVER GRAY, SUFFERED LESS SERIOUS FRACTURES. DRIVER AND ONLY OCCUPANT OF OTHER CAR RECEIVED CRACKED STURNUM AND IS RECOVERING WELL. MRS. SCHEER IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT RAIGMORE HOSPITAL INVERNESS. HER CONDITION REPORTED STABLE, HOWEVER DOCTORS ARE CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING HER TO HOSPITAL IN ABERDEENN 100

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MILES DISTANT, WHERE THEY HAVE NEUROSURGICAL FACILITIES.

4. POST HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FRED SHCEER WHO ARRIVED INVERNESS SUNDAY EVENING. HE IS STAYING IN MERCURY MOTOR HOTEL ROOM 323. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS OF FAMILY TO BE TURNED OVER TO HIM AND HAVE GIVEN HIM INFORMATION TO ENABLE HIM TO FILE CLAIM ON BEHALF OF BROTHER FOR PERSONAL

INJURY ACCIDENT INSURANCE GEORGE TOOK OUT WITH CAR RENTAL AGENCY. WE HAVE ALSO GIVEN NAMES OF INVERNESS ATTORNEYS WHO MAY BE RETAINED TO REPRESENT DAVID GRAY. MR. GRAY WILL APPARENTLY BE CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE RESULTING IN INJURY WHEN HE ABLE APPEAR IN COURT.

5. PROCEDURE FOR HAVING CHILD'S REMAINS SHIPPED TO U.S. ARE PROGRESSING. NORMALLY. POST MORTEM WAS PERFORMED TODAY AND WE EXPECT DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY WHICH WILL ALLOW PICK UP BY MORTICIAN. FUNERAL DIRECTOR, JOHN FRASER OF INVERNESS, IS EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING OVERSEAS SHIPMENTS AND WE HAVE NO REASON EXPECT DIFFICULTIES OR INORDINATE DELAYS. FRED SCHEER HAS JUST NOTIFIED US THAT CAPITOL AIRWAYS, WHICH BROUGHT SCHEERS TO SCOTLAND ON CHARTER FLIGHT, HAVE AGREED TO TRANSPORT CHILD'S REMAINS TO U.S. MR. BOB DUBOIS OF CAPTOL, APPARENTLY A FRIEND OF GEORGE SCHEER, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN INVERNESS SHORTLY TO MAKE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

6. MRS. SCHEERS'S MOTHER SYLVIA GRAY AND BROTHER SYDNEY GRAY, HAVE ARRIVED INVERNESS TODAY AND PLAN STAY UNTIL GEORGE AND MICHELLE SCHEER ABLE RETURN U.S. MR. AND MRS. FRED SCHEER PLAN RETURN U.S. WITHIN FEW DAYS AND TAKE NEICE LIESL, WITH THEM. POST HAS ARRANGED ISSUE PASSPORTS TO MRS. SCHEER, WHO SUBJECT OF REF B, AND LIESL, WHO WAS INCLUDED ON LATE BROTHER'S PASSPORT.

7. POST WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN SITUATION. SMITH

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